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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF EFFERVESCENCE IN NORTHEASTERN MOROCCO

1. THERE HAVE BEEN VARIOUS REPORTS THIS WEEK OF SECURITY INCIDENTS AND ARRESTS IN NORTHEASTERN MOROCCO. FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCE IN RABAT HAS CONFIRMED RUMORS THAT THREE BOMBS EXPLODED IN OUJDA NEAR ALGERIAN BORDER AFTERNOON MARCH 21. SOURCE WHO QUOTED FRENCH CONSUL IN OUJDA DID NOT KNOW WHAT KIND OF BOMBS WERE USED BUT SAID THAT NO ONE WAS INJURED IN EXPLOSIONS ALTHOUGH THERE WAS MATERIAL DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY WHERE BOMBS PLANTED.

2. CONCERNING AREA OF NADOR IN EASTERN RIF, ISTIQLAL ARABIC DAILY " AL- ALAM" MARCH 22 NOTED REPORTS IN NADOR OF " RECENT VIOLENT INCIDENTS" AND SAID SEVERAL ARRESTS HAD BEEN MADE. UMT- BACKED " MAGHREB INFORMATIONS" REPORTS MARCH 23 THAT FOUR PEOPLE WERE RECENTLY ARRESTED IN NADOR, INCLUDING LOCAL UMT OFFICIAL AND THREE TEACHERS. PAPER CONFIDENTIAL

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SAID AUTHORITIES HAVE GIVEN NO REASON FOR ARRESTS. KNOWLEDGEABLE ARAB DIPLOMAT SAYS THERE HAS ALSO BEEN BOMB INCIDENT AT NADOR.

3. COMMENT: INCIDENTS ARE MOST RECENT IN SERIES IN THIS AREA OVER PERIOD OF LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. LAST FALL, MOROCCAN POLICE REPORTED CLASH AT AIN SFA (NEAR OUJDA) WITH " LIBYAN- BACKED SUBVERSIVES" AND EARLIER THIS YEAR POLICEMAN WAS SHOT DOWN IN OUJDA BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS. BECAUSE OF AREA' S PROXIMITY TO ALGERIAN BORDER IT IS VULNERABLE TO DISSIDENTS WHO CAN USE ALGERIA FOR REFUGE. KNOWLEDGEABLE DIPLOMAT REFERRED TO INDICATES MOROCCANS SUSPECT ALGERIANS INVOLVED IN SUPPORTING SUBVERSIVES. PARKER

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